

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.:	09/863,169
Applicant(s):	MATSUURA, Masaya et al.
Filed:	May 22, 2001
Title:	AUDIO PROCESSING AND IMAGE GENERATING APPARATUS, AUDIO PROCESSING AND IMAGE GENERATING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM
Examiner:	FLANDERS, Andrew C.
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE  
PER 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 11, 2006, Applicants provide the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner asserts "The new limitations now include the apparatus in a game machine and an further details including analyzing the audio signal based on its frequency and amplitude." (see Notice of Allowability, page 2, lines 10-12) (emphasis added).

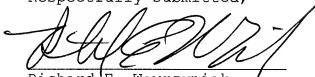
However, present claim 21 clearly states "based on a result of the frequency analysis and/or the amplitude analysis of the audio signal." This also applies to the other independent claims 23, 25 and 27.

**CONCLUSION**

Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,



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